

GETTING ON AND OFF WATER WAGON

In the January American Magazine Abe Martin, the celebrated Indiana funny man, writes a piece about New Year's resolutions. Following is an extract:

Sometimes when a feller who kin drink or leave it alone gits to lookin' back over the year jist closin' and sums up all the things he's done or undone, all the energy and the money he's wasted and all the things he's missed or neglected in that regretted time, the past looms up like a piece of tar soap. Then he quietly resolves to bid good-bye to the social cup on New Year's Day, little dreamin' of the colossal struggle jist around the corner.

The feller who has long been used to fortifyin' himself with a stimulant on every occasion has purty tough sleddin' fer a while after he swears off. Theres the ordeal of buyin' a new hat or attendin' a banquet. The feller who kin drink or leave it alone alius smells like a Deer Creek distillery after he buys a new hat and he'll often train fer weeks when there's a banquet ahead. Sometimes he'll set clean through a banquet or at least till the last syllable of an address on 'The Weddin' of the Oceans has died away in the cigarette smoke.

But how a feller's whole style of pitchin' changes when he once gits thoroughly established on the water wagon and begins to talk natural fer the first time since the first baby come! How his patient wife misses his glowing account of the day's earnings when he used to stall through the evenin' meal! How his associates miss his decided views on every question that comes up! How the one-legged newsboy on the corner misses his lavish generosity! How he kicks on the grocery bill. How his waistcoat pockets bulge with segars, each one representin' a 15 cent drink that he's muffed while in the hands of friends an' how his little children miss the peppermint drops that used to fall from his overcoat as he flung it carelessly across the planner.

Lafe Bud says that gittin' on and off the water wagon is the only exercise some fellers ever git.

FARMERS WANT SCHOOLS TO GIVE SHOOTING COURSE

Almost co-incidental with the movement started by the National Rifle Association to conduct shooting tournaments in the public schools of the larger cities of the United States, comes a demand from the Racine county Wisconsin Farmers Protective Association for a shooting gallery in every school. The farmers insist that city boys and girls, especially, need to be taught how to handle fire arms intelligently and will petition the next legislature to order an adequate training in every city school in Wisconsin.

The Association numbers about one thousand representative Racine county farmers. They assert that most hunting accidents are directly attributable to reckless handling of guns by persons who are ignorant of their proper use.

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13-YEAR-OLD TRAP SHOOTER
WINS FIVE MATCHES
FROM ADULTS

Young Spotts is in Fine Form

Veteran trap shooters looked on in wonder as Ralph K. Spotts, fourteen year old son of Ralph L. Spotts, club champion, scored 126 clay pigeons out of a total of 150 sprung for him and won five of the eight events in the Larchmont, N. Y., Yacht club shoot Saturday. It was a performance the average experienced expert could well be proud of. Beginning with the December Cup shoot, young Ralph returned full scores in five straight events, and although forced into shoot-offs won them all with several points to spare. The boy then topped all his efforts by scoring 25 straight in the Accumulation Cup event for the only perfect score of the day.

The little fellow is scarcely as tall as the gun he carries, but he is a stockily built chap who has accompanied his father on frequent wild duck shooting trips, each with his own pet gun and both shooting Remington UMC shells as at the traps. This is young Spotts' second season at the traps. He has been improving in every shoot, but nobody was prepared for the remarkably fine showing made Saturday.

Ralph L. Spotts, father of the young man whose future as a trap shooter seems so bright and who was out shot by his son for the first time Saturday, was a member of the victorious American Trap Shooting Team at the Olympic Games. He firmly believes that every boy should learn the use of arms and ammunition as part of his life equipment.

"I do not believe that closer observation of the laws of pure, clean sport can be found anywhere than among trap shooters, Mr. Spotts Sr., said in answer to the reporter's inquiry."

At the traps, continued Mr. Spotts. Every man stands on his own merits and is so judged. Crookedness is severely condemned and the square deal is exalted. This is good atmosphere for a boy to get into just as he is forming ideals. If he learns only the principles of fairness and how to take a beating and give one with equal grace it would seem to me to be well worth while.

Then, too, a boy should be taught to handle arms and ammunition intelligently, not only that he may not get on the 'didn't know it was loaded' list but that he may acquire the quickness and steadiness of hand and eye, the poise and control and the many other benefits that come to the trained shooter.

CHRISTMAS STORY

Heaps of newly fallen snow lay upon the ground and as the moon beam's rays shone down it glistened and made fields of diamonds.

The threaded wires were pure silver tinsel. All the huge world was a glistening Christmas tree. The air was very quiet for all the world was listening for the clatter of hoofs and sharp lashing bells, and gay notes of the little fire clad driver. One huge star winked down and kept faithful watch. All at once the air seemed stirred, did I hear him or is it my fancy? So nearer and nearer on the crisp air it came, as the slender legs of the reindeer sped like lightning. There tucked amid thousands of gifts sat the white haired driver. With his whip curling far back over his shoulder. With a great tramp they stopped. And out hopped Santa the cutest little fellow. A word of cheer he gave to the reindeer and away they tugged his huge pack of gifts.

"Ah!" he exclaimed, "I remember well a year ago tonight." And he gave a gay whistle. And then he hushed himself, as quickly as it began. "Should I awake those four pairs of eyes that do not sleep so soundly, I should never get my world wide task completed for they should keep me here all night. By this the four stockings were brim full and across the wreath of holly he left his hearty Christmas wish to all and out again he sailed. Just as the four bright eyes rushed in.

"We thought we heard him come in," the voice of one, and so we came to see." But Santa is very clever. No boy or girl has ever found him at his task yet.

"Merry Christmas to all," they heard him say again, as he flew away, and they ran to see. But he was carried far away, he leaves other stockings full and a merry Christmas wish everywhere.—G. WESLEY SCHAUB.

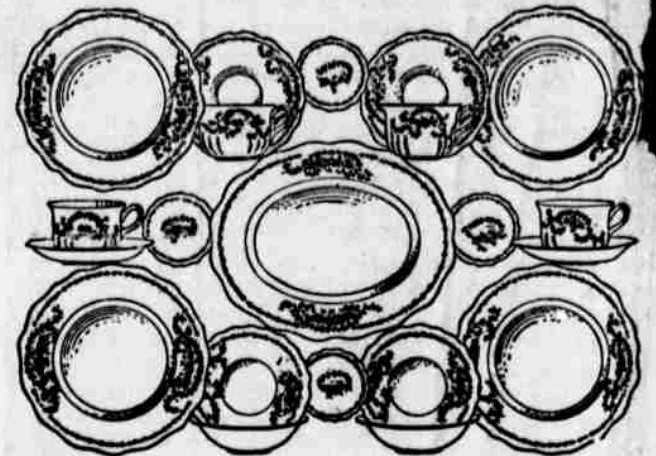
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